



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Garton, Darwin

Application Ser. No. 09/519,326

Filed: March 6, 2000

SEALING BOOT FOR DOUBLE WALL
TANK ASSEMBLY

Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Pollard, Steven

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-12 and 17-28 identified as Group I in the March 27, 2001 Office Action. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement in that it is believed that the invention set forth in claims 13-16 is a part of the combination embodied in the elected claims, and will be the subject of the search conducted by the examiner in regard to the provisionally elected claims. Accordingly, the subcombination set forth in claims 13-16 should be considered in the same application as the provisionally elected

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): GARTON, Darwin

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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